

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 were previously withdrawn from consideration.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of identifying and creating text for a new term in a term database that matches a desired terminology for a label-maintaining a term database comprising the steps of:

receiving data at an interface, the data being indicative of how the new term is used on the label a proposed text for a new label;
searching the a term database for text matching a desired text for the label a term associated with a text that corresponds to the proposed text; and
returning to the user a list of matches found in the term database providing output that is indicative of the term, the output including the text and at least one related characteristic.;
receiving an input indicating a preference for the proposed text over the term; and
suggesting that a new term be added to the term database, the new term being indicative of the proposed text.

Claims 18-40 (CANCELLED)

41. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein searching the term database further comprises searching for terms associated with texts having a related use characteristic that is comparable to a use characteristic associated with the proposed text.

42. (New) The method of claim 17 further including a step of receiving a selection indicative of the proposed text.

43. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein receiving data at an interface comprises receiving a

category code associated with the proposed text.

44. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein receiving data at an interface comprises receiving an indication of how the proposed text is used.

45. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising adding a new term to the term database, the new term being indicative of the proposed text.

46. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising obtaining and storing translations of the proposed text.

47. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein receiving data at an interface comprises receiving data that is input into a dialog user interface.

48. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein searching the term database comprises searching for term records in the term database that are associated with text that is similar to at least a portion of the proposed text.

49. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein providing output comprises providing output that is indicative of multiple term records in the term database, each term record being associated with text that is similar to at least a portion of the proposed text.

50. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein providing output comprises displaying a list of multiple term records in the term database, each term record being associated with text that is similar to at least a portion of the proposed text.

51. (New) The method of claim 50 further including a step of displaying textual context

information related to at least one of the displayed multiple term records.

52. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising creating a new object in the term database for the new term.

53. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein creating a new object comprises a step of assigning an identifier to the new term, wherein the identifier enables the new term to be distinguished from at least some other terms in the term database.